



Randall K. Ulfers

March 6, 1960 - July 24, 2022

Randall K. Ulfers, 62, life-long resident of Ackley, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, July 24, 2022 at his Ackley home. Funeral services will be 10:30 AM Friday, July 29, 2022 at the St. John's United Church of Christ in Ackley. He will be laid to rest at the Oakwood Cemetery in Ackley. Visitation will be from 5-7 PM on Thursday, July 28 at the church. Counsell Woodley Funeral Home of Iowa Falls is caring for Randy and his family.

Randall Kent "Cooly" Ulfers was born on March 6, 1960, the son of Wendell and Darlene (Bergman) Ulfers in Waterloo, Iowa. Randy graduated from Ackley-Geneva High School.

On June 16, 2001 Randy was united in marriage to Brenda Knipfel at St John's United Church of Christ in Ackley, Iowa.

He worked for Whink Products for 33 years and Kum & Go for 24 years before his most recent custodial position at AGWSR. Randy loved his job at AGWSR. He loved the kids and teachers he worked with. There was one child that always had to give him a hug each school day.

Family was everything to him. He loved his nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews. He would give them advice and they didn't always listen and he'd say "you'll learn".

Randy was a huge Green Bay Packers fan. People would ask him, how are the Packers going to do this year? He would always say “they are going to win the Superbowl!” And he sure hated it when they would lose. Brenda knew not to talk to him especially if they were playing the Vikings or the Bears. He also loved to watch WWE RAW on Monday nights. He would go over to his brother John’s to watch and after he passed away, he would watch the wrestling with his father-in-law. Even when dad went to a nursing home, he would go there to watch it with him, which he really enjoyed.

Randy was an avid bowler for years and not many men would admit this, but he loved shopping. Especially Black Friday. He would have it all planned out for Brenda, which stores to hit first. They even slept in their vehicle to wait for the stores to open. Occasionally they would have time to stop at the Isle Casino before hitting the next store opening.

Randy wasn’t a cat lover until he met Brenda. Oscar was the first cat then came Gracie. She would just love him and lay around his neck and purr. They never had children so their pets were like kids to them: Red, Chuck, Peanut and Polly.

Randy was always a talker, but you would have to listen closely because he didn’t talk very loudly. Family would sometimes just agree with him then ask, “what did he say?”

One thing Randy knew was he had to get Brenda flowers for Valentine’s Day, their anniversary and birthday. One year he was a day late and he got the silent treatment until he gave them to her. This only happened once.

Randy Ulfers is survived by his wife, Brenda Ulfers of Ackley, Iowa; sisters, Bonnie (Richard) Wiederkehr and Anita (Gerald) Echelberry and many nieces

and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; step-father, Barney Barnholt and two brothers, John and Richard Ulfers.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

Ackley, IA 50601

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 28. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. John's United Church of Christ
716 3rd Avenue
Ackley, IA 50601

Service

JUL 29. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry for loss Brenda. 🙏🙏🙏

Marcia Whipple - July 27, 2022 at 01:27 PM

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“ Such a nice man gone way too soon. I'm so sorry Brenda and family. Sending hugs and prayers 🙏🙏

Donna Toomsen Ites - July 25, 2022 at 12:26 PM

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So sorry for your loss. I was his second grade teacher and remember him as a very nice child and always kind to the other kids.

mary lou murphy - July 27, 2022 at 10:52 PM